

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 21-08-2009 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 199

Dated:10-03-2010.

** ** **

ORDER:

1. Whereas, Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, S/o. Sri Bhumanna, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District during the period from 08-07-2008 to 21-08-2009 and as such, he is public servant within the meaning of clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh, S/o. Late Narsimulu, age:23 years, Secondary Grade Teacher, resident of Tirupalli Locality, Adilabad town and his brother Sri Ch.Ganesh had inherited agricultural land to an extent of 22 guntas in Sy.No.154/A and 19 Guntas in Sy.No.161 respectively, situated in the outskirts of Adilabad town which stands in the name of their father late Chowtpelli Narsimulu. Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh submitted an application to the Tahsildar, Adilabad on 05-05-2008 to mutate the above said land into their names in Revenue Records and to issue Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deed Books. Accordingly, the Tahsildar, Adilabad issued a proceeding on 16-01-2009, granting the mutation of their names and ordered the concerned Village Revenue Officer, Adilabad for implementation orders in pursuance of the orders of the proceedings;

3. And whereas, Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh approached Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer number of times and requested to mutate their names in Revenue Records and prepare Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deed Books. But, Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer demanded Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh to pay an amount of Rs.1,000/- as bribe, to complete the work and to deliver the Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deed Books. Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh assured to pay the said amount only after issuing the Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deed Books. Then Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer delivered the Pattadar Pass Books to

Contd...P-2

Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh about in the month of July and said that the Title Deed Books will be delivered only after paying Rs.1,000/- as bribe. Again Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh went to the house of Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer on 10-08-2009 and enquired about the Title Deed Books, but, Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer stated that the Title Deed Books were ready, with him, and asked Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh to pay Rs.1,000/- as bribe and get the Title Deed Books. Finally, Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh approached Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer on 17-08-2009 at his house, but Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer reiterated his earlier demand;

4. And whereas, it is further alleged that the said Sri Ampalli Ravikanth demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.1,000/- from the said Sri Chowtpelli Venkatesh as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration at his house situated at Subashnagar, Adilabad town on 21-08-2009 at 08:45 A.M. in the presence of mediators and was trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials of Karimangar Range in Cr.No.20/ACB-KNR/09, The tainted amount of Rs.1,000/- was recovered at the instance of Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad from his wearing shirt pocket. The Phenolphthalein test conducted on right hand fingers of Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, yielded positive result;

5. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Mediator's Reports-I & II, final report of The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents, place before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations, and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District, should be prosecuted in a Court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Ampalli Ravikanth, Village Revenue Officer, Circle-IV of Adilabad, Adilabad District for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of

:: 3 ::

section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER